Perfume manufacturing units

740. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of perfume manufacturing units in the country;

(b) the problems being faced by such units; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to solve those problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Perfume manufacturing units in India are around 250 Nos.

(b) Government has not received any representation regarding their problems.

(c) Does not arise.

Trade with US

741. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our current level of trade with the United States stand at $21 billion which is far below potential;

(b) whether any fruitful talks in this regard were held recently with the visiting US trade representative Rob Portman particularly with regard to removal of non-tariff barriers on Indian products by the US; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when reported target of $40 billion is likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the statistics of US Department of Commerce, India's Exports to US during the calendar year 2004 were US $15.5 billion. US exports to India during the same period were US $ 6.1 billion. The two way trade between the two countries for the calendar year 2004 was US $21.68 billion.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. During the recent India-US Trade Policy Forum